

Application Serial No. 10/624,820
Supplemental Amendment dated March 23, 2009
Response to Final Office Action dated Oct. 20, 2008

REMARKS

In reviewing the response filed on 20 March 2009, it was noted that remarks concerning the amendment to the specification were inadvertently omitted. This Supplemental Amendment is therefore submitted to provide remarks concerning the amendment that has been made to the specification.

a. Amendment to Specification

The specification has been amended to provide support for the amendments made to claim 1, relating to the size of the palletized cargo, namely that the palletized cargo is sized to fill singly or two abreast the width of a dry van trailer.

As was stated in the response, Applicant's original specification and drawings clearly show a dry van trailer, of the type almost universally utilized to transport palletized goods in the United States. As is well known to those skilled in the relevant art, the widths of dry van trailers are standardized (in the United States) at approximate 8 foot and 8.5 foot widths and the lengths are also mostly standardized at about 48 feet and 53 feet, with some variations. The vast bulk of pallets, in turn, are constructed with an approximate 4 foot by 4 foot footprint, with some variations of a few inches; for example, a 48 inch by 40 inch pallet is the standard in the grocery industry. To be loaded into a dry van, as is the norm, the cargo is mounted on single pallets or on groups of two, four, six, etc. pallets, such that the single pallet width (4 foot) cargo fills the van two abreast and the two pallet width (8 foot) cargo fills the width of the dry van singly.

The foregoing information is well known to those skilled in the relevant art and is inherent in Applicant's original description and drawings. The description thereof that has been added to the specification and claim 1 by the foregoing amendment does not constitute new matter.

b. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the remarks set forth herein. It is believed that amendments have placed the application in condition

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for allowance and Applicant therefore respectfully urges entry thereof after final action. If there is any matter that can be expedited by consultation with Applicant's attorney, such would be welcome. Applicant's attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number given below.

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